

145. TURKISH-UNITED STATES ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTRODUCING MODERN (INCLUDING ATOMIC) WEAPONS INTO NATO DEFENSE FORCES: Agreement Effected by Notes Exchanged at Ankara, September 18 and October 28, 1959¹

The American Ambassador to the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 631

ANKARA, September 18, 1959.

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the decision taken at the NATO Heads of Government meeting in December 1957 concerning the introduction of modern weapons, including atomic weapons, into NATO's defense forces. As was recently re-emphasized in an announcement of the North Atlantic Council on May 7, 1959,² progress on putting these decisions into effect has been continuous since December 1957.

You will recall that the communique issued after the Heads of Government meeting on December 19, 1957,³ provided that in the implementation of these decisions arrangements would be made as necessary between the states directly concerned. I should like to propose that the Government of Turkey and the Government of the United States agree on the details of arrangements to put the above mentioned decisions into effect.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, Excellency, I suggest that this note and your reply thereto constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency

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¹ TIAS 4350; 10 UST 1868.

² Ante, doc. 142.

³ Text in *American Foreign Policy: Current Documents, 1957*, pp. 413-420.